

Nebraska Agriculture Rank and Agribusiness Facts

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Current Rank in U.S. Agriculture, Amount, and Percent of U.S. Total, Selected Commodities, Nebraska

Rank	Commodity and Date	Number	Unit	Percent of U.S. Total
1	Commercial livestock slaughter, live weight, 2001	11,291,935,000	<i>Pounds</i>	16.2
1	Commercial red meat production, 2001	7,161,100,000	<i>Pounds</i>	15.7
1	Commercial cattle slaughter, live weight, 2001	9,535,791,000	<i>Pounds</i>	22.1
1	Commercial cattle slaughter, number, 2001	7,694,400	<i>Head</i>	21.8
1	Great northern bean production, 2001	1,786,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	85.5
1	Light red kidney bean production, 2001	209,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	24.7
2	Cash receipts from all meat animals, 2000	5,639,762,000	<i>Dollars</i>	10.6
2	Cash receipts from cattle and calves, 2000	4,948,195,000	<i>Dollars</i>	12.1
2	All dry edible beans production, 2001	3,185,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	16.3
3	Cash receipts from all feed crops, 2000	1,880,295,000	<i>Dollars</i>	9.4
3	All cattle on feed, January 1, 2002	2,230,000	<i>Head</i>	19.3
3	All cattle and calves, January 1, 2002	6,400,000	<i>Head</i>	6.6
3	Value of all cattle and calves on farms, January 1, 2002	4,416,000,000	<i>Dollars</i>	6.1
3	Fed cattle and calves marketed (1,000+ capacity lots), 2001	4,575,000	<i>Head</i>	19.6
3	Corn for grain production, 2001	1,139,250,000	<i>Bushels</i>	12.0
3	Sorghum for grain production, 2001	35,700,000	<i>Bushels</i>	6.9
3	Proso millet production, 2001	5,425,000	<i>Bushels</i>	28.2
3	Cash receipts from corn, 2000	1,724,699,000	<i>Dollars</i>	11.4
3	Cash receipts from sorghum grain, 2000	59,923,000	<i>Dollars</i>	7.3
3	Pinto beans production, 2001	1,050,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	12.3
3	Cash receipts from livestock and livestock products, 2000	5,922,729,000	<i>Dollars</i>	6.0
3	Alfalfa hay production, 2001	5,148,000	<i>Tons</i>	6.4
4	Beef cows and heifers that have calved, January 1, 2002	1,932,000	<i>Head</i>	5.8
4	Land in farms and ranches, 2001	46,400,000	<i>Acres</i>	4.9
4	On-farm grain storage capacity, December 1, 2001	1,020,000,000	<i>Bushels</i>	9.1
4	Cash receipts from farm marketings, 2000	8,951,881,000	<i>Dollars</i>	4.6
4	Off-farm grain storage capacity, December 1, 2001	690,156,000	<i>Bushels</i>	8.2
4	Value of principal crops produced, 2001	4,136,895,000	<i>Dollars</i>	4.7
5	Soybean production, 2001	222,950,000	<i>Bushels</i>	7.7
5	Sorghum silage production, 2001	220,000	<i>Tons</i>	5.9
5	Cash receipts from hogs and pigs, 2000	683,498,000	<i>Dollars</i>	5.8

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**Current Rank in U.S. Agriculture, Amount, and Percent of U.S. Total,
Selected Commodities, Nebraska (continued)**

Rank	Commodity and Date	Number	Unit	Percent of U.S. Total
5	Commercial hog slaughter, live weight, 2001	1,756,060,000	<i>Pounds</i>	6.8
5	Commercial hog slaughter, number, 2001	6,681,400	<i>Head</i>	6.8
6	Calves born, 2001	1,820,000	<i>Head</i>	4.8
6	Value of all hogs and pigs on farms, December 1, 2001	243,600,000	<i>Dollars</i>	5.4
6	Sunflower production, 2001	83,350,000	<i>Pounds</i>	2.4
6	Cash receipts from soybeans, 2000	799,896,000	<i>Dollars</i>	6.4
6	Cash receipts from all oil crops, 2000	806,584,000	<i>Dollars</i>	5.8
6	Harvested acreage, principal crops, 2001	18,750,000	<i>Acres</i>	6.2
6	All hay production, 2001	7,578,000	<i>Tons</i>	4.8
6	Corn silage production, 2001	4,950,000	<i>Tons</i>	4.8
7	All hogs and pigs, December 1, 2001	2,900,000	<i>Head</i>	4.9
7	Winter wheat production, 2001	59,200,000	<i>Bushels</i>	4.3
8	Pigs saved, 2001	5,373,000	<i>Head</i>	5.4
8	Sugarbeet production, 2001	840,000	<i>Tons</i>	3.3
9	Cash receipts from crops, 2000	3,029,152,000	<i>Dollars</i>	3.2
9	Cash receipts from sugarbeets, 2000	36,852,000	<i>Dollars</i>	3.0
9	Other hay (excludes alfalfa) production, 2001	2,430,000	<i>Tons</i>	3.2
10	Eggs produced, December 1, 2000-November 30, 2001	3,001,000,000	<i>Eggs</i>	3.5
10	Oats production, 2001	3,660,000	<i>Bushels</i>	3.1
11	Cash receipts from wheat, 2000	159,514,000	<i>Dollars</i>	2.9
11	Net farm income, 2000	1,419,762,000	<i>Dollars</i>	3.1
12	All potato production, 2001	8,512,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	1.9
12	All wheat production, 2001	59,200,000	<i>Bushels</i>	3.0
12	All chickens, December 1, 2001	13,704,000	<i>Head</i>	3.1
14	Value of all chickens on hand, December 1, 2001	24,667,000	<i>Dollars</i>	2.3
14	Cash receipts from potatoes, 2000	40,216,000	<i>Dollars</i>	1.6
14	Cash receipts from chicken eggs, 2000	93,719,000	<i>Dollars</i>	2.2
14	Cash receipts from all food grains, 2000	159,971,000	<i>Dollars</i>	2.4
15	Cash receipts from hay, 2000	94,066,000	<i>Dollars</i>	2.8
16	Number of farms, 2001	53,000	<i>Farms</i>	2.5
16	All sheep and lambs, January 1, 2002	101,000	<i>Head</i>	1.5
16	Wool production, 2001	620,000	<i>Pounds</i>	1.4
17	Value of wool production, 2001	124,000	<i>Dollars</i>	0.8
18	Honey production, 2001	2,064,000	<i>Pounds</i>	1.1
26	Barley production, 2001	180,000	<i>Bushels</i>	0.1

Nebraska Agribusiness Facts

- ◆ Total assets (excluding operator households) in Nebraska farms and ranches totaled an estimated \$44.0 billion as of December 31, 2000, compared to \$41.2 billion a year ago.
- ◆ Farm and ranch equity (excluding operator households) was estimated at nearly \$34.4 billion as of December 31, 2000. This represents a 7 percent increase compared to \$32.1 billion in farm equity the previous year.
- ◆ Total farm debt (excluding operator households) increased to \$9.6 billion on December 31, 2000 from \$9.1 billion a year earlier.
- ◆ Farm and ranch real estate was valued at \$31.2 billion as of December 31, 2000, up from \$29.9 billion in 1999. Farm holdings of crops, livestock, and poultry (excludes horses, mules, and broilers) on December 31, 2000, were worth \$6.7 billion.
- ◆ Farm and ranch machinery and motor vehicles were valued at \$3.4 billion as of December 31, 2000.
- ◆ Ranking fourth in the United States, Nebraska's total cash receipts from farm and ranch marketings amounted to nearly \$9.0 billion in 2000, a 6.3 percent increase from the \$8.4 billion reported in 1999. Receipts for livestock and livestock products totaled \$5.9 billion, and crops receipts totaled \$3.0 billion. Direct government payments were \$1.4 billion.
- ◆ Gross farm income in 2000 averaged \$202,024 per farm for farms and ranches in Nebraska.
- ◆ Ranking eleventh in the United States, Nebraska's net farm income in 2000 totaled \$1.4 billion. Net farm income per operation was \$26,292.
- ◆ Gross expenditures for farm production in 2000 amounted to \$9.5 billion.
- ◆ Farmers and ranchers in 2000 spent \$841 million for feed purchased, \$2.4 billion for livestock and poultry purchased, and \$369 million for seed purchased.
- ◆ Total outlays in 2000 for fertilizers, lime, and pesticides were \$813 million. Fuel, oil and electricity totaled \$483 million. Hired labor expenses totaled \$331 million. Expenditures for repairs and maintenance of capital items totaled \$443 million.
- ◆ In 2000, Nebraska farmers paid \$420 million for on farm and ranch property taxes and \$681 million in net rent to non-operator landlords. They also paid \$764 million in interest on farm real estate mortgage debt and on non real estate interest.
- ◆ Total depreciation and accidental damage to farm buildings and depreciation to motor vehicles and other farm machinery and equipment totaled \$671 million in 2000.
- ◆ Of every dollar spent on food in 1999, the farm value is 20 cents; 39 cents goes to labor used by manufactures, wholesalers, and retailers. The remaining 41 cents pays for marketing costs such as packaging, transportation, and advertising.

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Nebraska Agribusiness Facts (continued)

- ◆ Ranking fourth in the United States, Nebraska agriculture exports in fiscal year 2000 totaled \$3.1 billion. Nebraska ranked first in live animals and meat exports at \$1.0 billion, third in feed grains and products at \$769 million, and fifth in soybeans and products at \$454 million.
- ◆ Every dollar in agricultural exports generates \$1.47 in economic activities such as transportation, financing, warehousing, and production. Nebraska's \$3.1 billion in agricultural exports translate into over \$4.6 billion in additional economic activity each year.
- ◆ Twenty-two percent of all Nebraskans depend upon agriculture for employment.
- ◆ In 2000, Nebraska ranked third in the United States in ethanol production capacity of 350 million gallons. Approximately 160 million bushels of the State's corn crop went into production of ethanol.
- ◆ Nebraska is a water-rich State. Underneath over half of its 49-million-acre land surface is stored about 2 billion acre-feet of good quality groundwater. Currently, 83,540 registered wells and some 8,000 surface water rights supply water to about 8.15 million acres of crop and pastureland.

Trends in Agriculture: Nebraska, Selected Years, 1975-2000

Item	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	1999	2000
Value of farm real estate (mil.\$) ¹	13,508	30,290	18,571	22,930	26,235	29,891	31,181
Average size of farm (acres)	715	734	787	826	829	844	859
Acres harvested (000) acres	17,660	18,978	17,509	18,044	17,769	18,789	18,636
Index of crop yields per acre ²	85	90	120	118	107	134	116
Index of crop production ²	81	98	135	131	123	168	149
Index of livestock production ²	97	117	121	139	145	152	153
Index of total agricultural production ²	90	109	127	136	135	159	151
Real estate debt (mil.\$) ¹	1,537	3,041	3,767	2,726	3,197	3,956	4,070
Debt/asset, total, ratio ¹	19.8	19.2	32.1	19.1	21.3	22.2	21.8
Irrigation wells ³	44,454	63,821	70,767	72,852	77,301	81,483	82,478
Irrigated land (000) acres	5,400	7,200	7,900	8,000	8,100	8,100	8,150
Commercial fertilizer sold (000) tons ⁴	1,227	2,020	1,894	1,889	1,996	2,421	2,453
Final agricultural sector output (mil.\$)	4,156	6,560	7,784	9,782	9,082	9,346	9,502
Net farm income (mil.\$)	1,044	(91)	1,559	2,506	1,650	1,744	1,420

¹Beginning 1980, excluding operator households as of January 1.

²1977=100.

³Registered as of January 1.

⁴Year ending June 30.